

# The Persecution of Scholars

*In nearly 60 countries around the world, people can practice Falun Gong freely. In over 100 colleges and universities in the United States, there are people who practice Falun Gong. In Taiwan, Falun Gong is taught in some high schools and colleges. However, in mainland China, many college professors have been fired from their jobs only because they refuse to give up Falun Gong; many students have been expelled from school. Some are even sent to prisons and detention centers, and tortured to death.*



**Zhao Xin** was a lecturer at Beijing University of Industry and Commerce. On June 19, 2000, she went to the ZiZu Yuan Park to practice. She was stopped and sent to the park's police substation. Later, she was transferred to a detention center supervised by the Hai Dian police. She was beaten; three spinal vertebrae were fractured, leaving her in critical condition. The police sent her to the Hai Dian hospital without notifying her family and employer. When she arrived at the hospital, she was still handcuffed and wearing

shackles. Zhao miraculously survived but was blind in the left eye and paralyzed from the neck down. In the following months, she endured unspoken pain. She passed away six months later on December 11, 2000.

## Six Scholars Sentenced to Prison for Distributing Falun Gong Materials

According to the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Hong Kong, of the six scholars sentenced to prison terms on December 13, 2001, four were graduate students from the renowned Tsinghua University. They were sentenced to 3 to 12 years in prison for downloading Falun Gong material from the Internet and distributing it.

## 29-Year-Old Tsinghua Alumnus Died From Torture

**Yuan Jiang** was the deputy general manager of the Information Technology Engineering Corporation in Lanzhou City. He was also the main Falun Gong contact person in Gansu Province. He was well respected in his company for being a devoted, caring person. But later, he was removed from his position and demoted to chief technology officer because he did not give up practicing Falun Gong.



After the persecution began on July 20, 1999, Yuan had been illegally detained for six months. In January 2001, he was forced to leave home due to incessant harassment from local police and the 610 Office. On September 30 of that year, he was captured again. At the request of the police, his former employer provided one of the company's facilities in Lanzhou to be used as the "torture center." Hatchet men quickly gathered there. It was said that various instruments of torture were shipped in two trucks. Because Yuan knew a lot of practitioners across China, his captors viciously tortured him to obtain information. At the end of October, Yuan miraculously escaped. Because he was very weak, he had to hide in a cave and remained in a coma there for four days. Outside, two thousand police and military personnel turned the place upside-down searching for Yuan. After the police left the area, Yuan crawled out of the cave and, with unbelievable will power, reached a practitioner's home. He was well taken care of there, but his injuries were too extensive. On November 9, 2001, Yuan Jiang passed away.